

REMARKS

In response to the Ex parte Quayle Office Action of January 10, 2006, for which a response is initially due February 10, 2006, and for which a one month extension of time petition and fee are submitted herewith, making the new due date March 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified Application as follows and consider the following remarks:

In response to the Examiner's objections to the specification due to informalities, the specification and claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner in the present Office Action on pages 2-4.

Specifically, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to Page 93 and 94 of the specification as containing amino acid or nucleic sequences that have not been provided in a Sequence Listing according to 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2).

In the Sequence Listing in written and computer readable form, filed January 13, 2006, Applicants have provided all of the sequences disclosed in the specification in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2), including those sequences provided on pages 93 and 94 of the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner requests specific amendments to claims 1, 9, and 16, for clarity and readability, to put the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants have amended the claims, without adding any new matter, as requested by the Examiner and request allowance of all of the pending claims 1-3, 9 and 16.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Cancellation of and/or amendments to the claims should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's objections and/or rejections. They are being

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made solely to expedite prosecution of the present application and are not related to any issues of patentability. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application.

This response is timely filed with a one month extension of time petition and fee to the one month shortened statutory period for reply. However, if any fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CEN0250NP/GKT in the name of Johnson & Johnson.

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